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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re application of

Docket No: Q58745

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Appln. No.: 09/657,272

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No.: 9969

Examiner: Ryan J. Miller

Filed: September 09, 2000

For: IMAGE READING METHOD, IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
DISCRIMINATING DEFECT OF IMAGE DATA

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of February 12, 2004 to Monday, June 14, 2004, since June 12, 2004 fell on a Saturday.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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